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## Home Tour Sneak Preview at January Meeting! Featuring All 5 Homes on the Tour

Don't miss the HOMES & TREASURES Preview at the January Membership Meeting on January 11:

Hear the homeowners' "behind the scene" story of how their particular home and collections are treasured by them, their families and friends.

See selected views of all the homes for a glimpse of what's to come on the Home Tour on February 9th, from 10am to 4pm.

All five homes are within a five mile radius this year: two are on the Island and three are in Pelican Pointe (accessed from two entrances). Each home is showcasing distinctive hallmarks that make them special for viewing: Architecture, Cars, Quilts, Art Collections and Watercolors.

Once again, we are partnering with the Venice Art Center and will be capping off the day's events with a Celebration Party there from 4 to 6 pm. Wine, cheese and entertainment by the Women of Steel are all included in the \$12 ticket price. Get yours early. There are a limited number of tickets available.

Tickets for both the Home Tour and the Celebration Party will be distributed to members at the January meeting. If you can't attend the meeting and would like tickets, please contact Anita Kunkle, ticket chair.

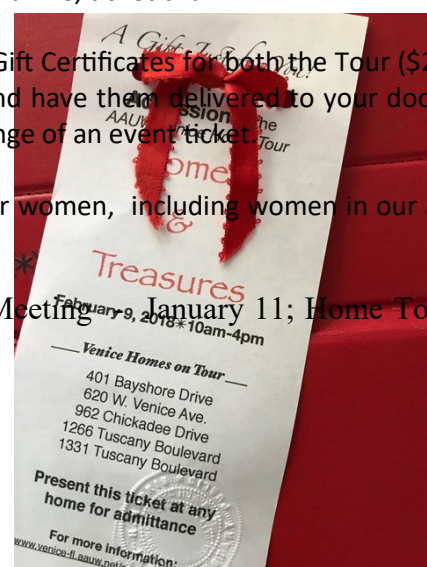
Do you need a gift for the holidays or a special event to give to friends? Gift Certificates for both the Tour (\$20) and the Party (\$12) are available up to the Tour date. Contact Bev or Jan and have them delivered to your door. Gift Certificates are presented at the first home your recipient visits for exchange of an event ticket.

All of this activity supports a valued cause - educational scholarships for women, including women in our area to continue their college education or begin higher education after a delay.

Mark your calendars now for these two important dates: AAUW Meeting - January 11; Home Tour and Celebration Party - February 9, 2018.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Kathleen Pickering*

Happy New Year to all. Hoping all your holidays were merry and bright.

It's hard to believe it is going to be 2018.

A big thank you to co-chairs Karen Cianci and Lynn Fox and their committee for putting together another successful Holiday Lunch. The entertainment was outstanding.

We are in exciting times, and all is moving very fast. Hard to keep up with everything. And in AAUW we are moving too. Always a new issue to address and still lots of work to do on the projects such as equal pay, Title IX and LAF.

As we approach 2018 the Venice AAUW is developing a strategic plan which I hope all of you will get involved with. The plan is not set in stone and will change as is needed to continue to meet our mission.

This next year we are looking forward to looking at new ways to support girls and team up with other girl organizations. In May there will again be the Giving Challenge. To date I do not have the perimeters for the giving, but will let you know as soon as I know. The last few years we were able to raise funds for scholarships and tech trek.



### ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

First, I want to thank all of you who have worked tirelessly for years on Academic Olympics. Last year they decided to not do it and now it is back on the table.

A couple of our members, Barbara Farrar and Suzette Bryan attended a meeting about the Olympics for 2018.

They recommended we again support the activity. However after talking to several members who had been very involved before, they felt that we should put our energies to new activities for girls that will more closely align with our mission.

Therefore, at the board meeting in December a decision was made to not support Academic Olympics as an AAUW activity. The board encourages anyone who still wants to be involved to do so on their own. As we further develop the strategic plan there will be new girl activities that will need AAUW volunteer support.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Elaine Raven



I retired from counseling at Traverse City, Michigan, public schools. Prior to counseling I taught Special Ed to the emotionally impaired in MI and taught business classes in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. I earned a BS in education and a MA in counseling from Eastern Michigan University. I also attended the University of Michigan and San Diego State.

My husband and I have lived in Venice for about twelve years and summer in Traverse City. My life of freedom includes biking, stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, pickleball, Zumba, yoga, and Mahjongg. I especially enjoy my seven year old grandson. I am looking forward to helping with the home tour!!

### Rosemary Smith



Two years ago, I retired from an energizing career involving both advanced practice nursing and nursing education. Initially, I earned a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in nursing from Northern Illinois University and my first job focused on health & wellness in a public health department. I earned a post-master's degree (Specialist in Clinical Nursing) from Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) and became a family nurse practitioner (NP) specializing in women's health. After a strong clinical foundation, I progressed through the ranks as a professor at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh while earned her PhD at the University of Wisconsin Madison in Higher Ed Administration. This credential lead to a variety of leadership roles culminating the 10 years as the Dean of the College of Nursing. Throughout my career I was active in a variety of professional nursing organizations, League of Women Voters and the Oshkosh Chapter of AAUW.

My husband, Dennis and I found our Englewood dream retirement home adjacent to Buchan Airport. We fly via a single engine Cessna (4 seater) from WI to our FL back yard. Flying is a lifelong hobby along with boating, gardening and travel. Daily walks, biking, yoga and pickle ball are loads of fun. Also, cooking, reading, Mah Jongg and learning to play bridge make for a full retirement lifestyle. I am eager to meet AAUW members and become more involved in the organization.



### Noreen Popivchak

After 10 years of being a Florida resident I am finally joining AAUW. Already I have met some very incredible women and shall look forward to new experiences through AAUW. My undergraduate degree in education was from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Years after having three children I received a Masters Degrees in Reading and another in School Counseling from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY and SUNY Brockport respectively. My professional life was always child centered. Upon retirement from the public schools, I was fortunate to supervise student teachers in Rochester for John Fisher College.

Presently we reside in Pelican Pointe. In the summer we head north to Rochester to enjoy our grandchildren. Bridge and golf have been a wonderful part of life in Florida.

### Pat Campbell



I was born in Arkansas and spent the first 17 years of my life there. In 1955 I moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan where I worked at The University of Michigan as a secretary. Most of my undergraduate work was accomplished by going to night school and summer school. That explains why it took me 12 years to get my Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Later I earned 2 Master's degrees; one in Reading and one in Education Technology. I was an elementary teacher, mostly 4<sup>th</sup> grade, in Belleville, MI. I now live in Mount Pleasant, MI, 6 months of the year and spend the other 6 months in wonderful Venice, FL

I love all the activities available here, especially music events and the theatre. My hobbies include reading, gardening (in Michigan), sewing and doing needlework. I have 2 children: a son and family in Aspen, CO, and a daughter and family near me in Michigan. I have 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Life is good! I look forward to the activities that AAUW offers.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Paula Dulski, Membership Director

We begin 2018 with 247 members. It is a pleasure to mix and mingle with all of the wonderful women at our meetings, at SIG groups, at LAF dinners and at the Home Tour.

We have been informed that some members do not receive their Venice Views pdf when it is sent out the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month. The problem seems to occur mostly with Comcast.net accounts. We will try to solve the problem by sending a link to the newsletter rather than the pdf of the newsletter which could be blocked by some email accounts. We will send the January Venice Views both ways as a test of the idea.

I will set up a date for those of you who would like to learn some useful computer skills. I would cover some simple activities such as attaching documents or pictures to an email, saving documents, organizing folders, putting apps on your phone, or whatever you want to cover. I am considering January 22 which is a 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 2 to 3 pm at my home. Call or send me an email if you are interested.

## SIG NEWS

Paula Choyke SIG Director

**Financial Fitness**—A new special interest group, will hold it's first meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, 601 Tamiami Trail S. on Venice Island. The group is for members who want to discuss and learn more about investing

**Mahjongg for Fun**— Come join the fun in our Mahjongg group. We will meet the 1st Friday of each month in a members home between 1-4 p.m. You need a current Mahjongg card to play. For more information contact Nancy Donelson.



#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Patsy Campbell	5 Lynn Fox	21 Diane Feiring Hill
1 Ellen Elie	6 Andrea Lucy-Putwen	21 Anne Macintyre
1 Barbara O'Connor	7 Lynn Crandall	24 Lydia Russo
1 Barbara Stevens	7 Elaine Winkvist	25 Rosario Morgan
1 Barbie Swenson	13 Roberta Cardamone	26 Mary Lloyd Burroughs
2 Joyce Mikulski	15 Carol Carlson	30 Kathryn Nelson
3 Caroline Zucker	20 Judith Rovins	

#### NOTES

**The following people will be hosting the January Luncheon:**

Denise DeLong, Beth Gamel, Colette Sears, Kittie Rodriguez, Judy Kolk, Paula Choyke, Jane Metcalf, Susan Farstrup, Linda Friedman,

## SUNSHINE

**Our Sincere Condolences to the Family of:**

Erna Cunningham on her passing.

Please notify Nancy Bradtmiller if you are aware of someone who needs get-well wishes, if there is a serious illness or passing of an AAUW member or family member.

## AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	Location/ Notes
Wed	3	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Barbara Stevens' home
Thur	4	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience with modern conventions , duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	5	1—4	Mahjongg	Nancy Donelson	Nancy Donelsons' home. Contact Nancy for details
Mon	8	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Jacaranda Library. <u>America's First Daughter</u> by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie
Tues	9	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Fri	12	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West CC
Fri	12	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Jacaranda West CC. You must sign up in advance
Sun	14	12—4	Outdoor Adventure	Bea Holt	Polo Match @ Polo Grounds Tailgate Picnic, \$12 Admission
Mon	15	Deadline for February Venice Views			Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a>
Wed	17	AM	Exploring with your Camera	Nancy Vass Gorno	Phillippi Estate Park . Contact Nancy for further details
Wed	17	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	Kathy Nelsons' home Theme: Spanish/tapas
Wed	17	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	British Open Pub . Contact Melanie Odom by Sunday , Jan14
Thur	18	1:30	Armchair Travelers	Anne Finger, Chair	Meet at Paula Dulskis' home to hear about her trip to Costa Rica
Thur	18	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley CC.
Wed	24	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Paula Choyke	Sarasota Brewing Co 6607 Gateway Ave Sarasota
Fri	26	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West CC
Fri	26	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Fedako	Bridge and Lunch at Jacaranda West CC. You must sign up in advance
Mon	29		Interclub Bridge	Barbara Stevens	Players must be registered with Barbara Stevens



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